open to the electors to get those mistakes corrected by the Revising Authorities under Rule 9 of the Legislative Council Electoral Rules, dated the 26th December, 1921.

(*b*) Specific allegations are being enquired into.

WORKING OF THE INCOME TAX REGULATION.

2. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that the Income Tax Regulation is becoming very unpopular among the public?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the following particulars concerning the working of the Regulation, *viz.*,

(1) the total number of assessees throughout the State;

(2) the total number of cases in which the accounts of the assessees have been acted upon, whether for not acting upon the accounts the officers have made any record of their reasons, the number of cases in which such reasons are stated and the number of cases in which no reason is stated;

(3) how many appeals have been filed by the assessees, and how many allowed, together with the number disallowed on technical grounds; and

(4) whether the Government have issued any private instructions to the Income Tax officers regarding the working of the Regulation? If there be any private instructions, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table such instructions for perusal by the Council?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) (1) 2,583.

(2) Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by the collection of these statistics. The Income Tax Commissioner has issued general instructions to assessing officers that they should record specifically the reasons for not accepting the assessees' accounts or contentions, and assessees have the right of appeal.

(3) Information has been called for and will be laid on the table when received.

(4) Government have not issued any private instructions.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI.

3. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state what encouragement the Government have given to Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai, M. B., F. R. C. S. (Edin.), on his return from England after a distinguished career of post-graduate study at his own cost and whether the Government have made any arrangements so as to enable Dr. Raman Pillai to utilise his knowledge in advanced surgery and diseases of the ear, nose and throat for the benefit of the people of Travancore?

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: On the recommendation of the Darbar Physician, Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai was, as a special case, given leave on full pay for 12 months for prosecuting higher studies in surgery and specialising in the treatment of the diseases of the ear, the nose and the throat. Sanction was also accorded to his being promoted to the grade of Deputy Surgeon when he returned fully qualified in the particular branch in which he proposed to specialise. An extension of leave for six months with half-pay allowance and a lodging allowance of ten shillings per day together with a loan of Bh. Rs. 1,000 to pay his return passage, was also subsequently sanctioned.

With a view to open a separate section in the General Hospital for the treatment of the diseases of the ear, the nose and the throat, instruments to the value of £ 322 have been ordered from England. Since his return from Europe, Dr. Raman Pillai is reported to have absented himself from duty without obtaining previous permission and his case is under the consideration of the Government.

RETIREMENT OF DR. BARKER FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

4. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table all the papers connected with the retirement of Dr. Barker from the service?

(*b*) What are the circumstances that led to his retirement?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The member's attention is invited to the answer to interpellation No. 8 of Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June, 1921.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: With reference to the answer to question No. 4, will the Government be pleased to supply me with a copy of the answer given to Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I shall make a copy available for the member.

RETIREMENT OF MR. P. KESAVA PILLAI, LATE ASSISTANT SIRKAR VAKIL, QUILON.

5. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state why and under what circumstances the services of Mr. P. Kesava Pillai, Assistant Sirkar Vakil, Quilon, have been dispensed with?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table all the papers connected with the above matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Government do not consider that it is conducive to public interests to disclose reasons for their decisions in regard to individual public servants.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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